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*"If you need him get
in there and work
him"*

The Southern California DX Club is a group of dedicated men and women active in the amateur radio community who enjoy communicating over the air with other radio amateurs around the world.

The SCDXC strongly supports the DX Code of Conduct. Please visit their website:

www.dx-code.org

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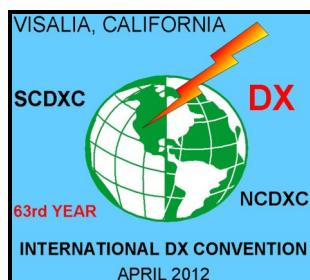
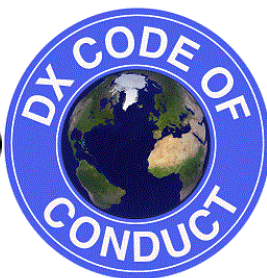
Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM except April, June and December.

Please check the club web site for events and details at:

<http://www.scdxc.org>

If you are in the area please say hello on our repeater:

W6AM/R145.48,(-) 100Hz PL



NCDXF Platinum Contributor

Next Meeting

PICNIC!

Sunday June 3rd 11:00 AM!

**. BHUTAN DXpedition!
They Are On The Air Right Now!**

**. Swains Island Dxpediton
Coming up in September!**

**. Yemen DXpedition
The final report**

Making friends all over the world using the magic of Amateur Radio.
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SCDXC Annual Picnic

Sunday June 3, 2012 at 11:00am

The SCDXC Picnic will be held Sunday, June 3, at Woodley Park, Grove 2, in Van Nuys. The club provides hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, drinks, and paper goods. Bring a side dish and your appetite! Talk in on W6AM/R 145.480 MHz PL 100.00 Hz.

Prizes

We will have our special raffle board for a chance at complete station package (One Drawing). This includes an Icom IC 7200 100 watt transceiver, LDG IT-100 100 watt antenna tuner, and an Alinco DM-330mvt 32 amp power supply! The spots are \$10.00 each. Square sales will begin at the March meeting.

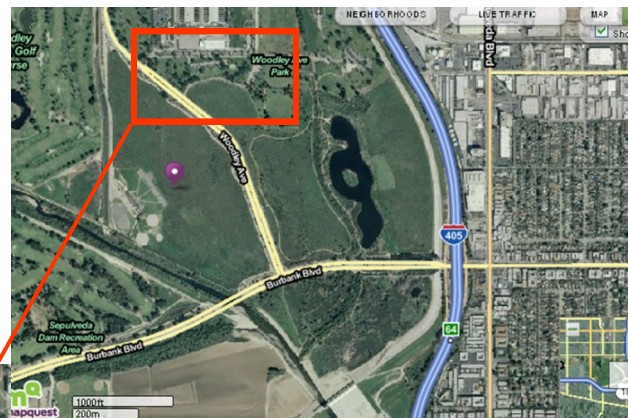
Directions

The location this year is just south of the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant. Enter at the entrance of the water reclamation plant. Look for our club signs and banners!

From the south exit the 405 freeway at Burbank, this is the first exit past the 101 Fwy. Turn left (West) onto Burbank travel about 3/4 of a mile to Woodley Ave. Turn Right at the stop light and go north about 1/4 of a mile. The entrance to the picnic area and parking lot will be on the right (East) side.

From the north exit the 405 Freeway at Burbank, Turn right (West) onto Burbank travel about 3/4 of a mile to Woodley Ave. Turn Right at the stop light and go north about 1/4 of a mile. The entrance to the picnic area (East) side.

See you there!



and parking lot will be on the right

THE PREZ SEZ

Bill Kendrick, N6RV, President – Southern California DX Club n6rv@scdxc.org

Hello Everybody!

What a month! Two DXpeditions in the rarest corner of the world and a third underway! Socotra Island was a big success with three operating locations and a huge number of QSOs. They really concentrated on the West Coast during the openings and the CW operators were top drawer! It was incredible that no one let on to the operation. From what I read it was planned for June and the paperwork expeditiously made its way through the Yemeni government channels, much faster than expected. It was go and the team was not going to look a gift horse in the mouth! On a sad note the behavior of the jammers and police was despicable. If you know who these guys are then turn them in!

Somalia popped up and caught all of us off guard. If you had a chance to listen in on the first days you knew that the propagations was excellent. It seemed as time went on the openings diminished. All in all they made over 30,000 QSOs which just scratched the surface of the demand for this entity. Again on a sad note the 6O3A DXpedition was cancelled. I believe that in spite of the recent operation many operators would benefit from the large scale operation that was planned.

See you at the picnic!

73, Bill N6RV
President, SCDXC
www.scdxc.org
International DX Convention:
www.dxconvention.org



Treasurer's Report

Club financial information is available on request. Contact the treasurer.

Officer Guidelines

The revised version of the Officers Guidelines is available on our website. See the hyperlink below.

Code of Conduct

SCDXC endorses the **DX Code of Conduct**
See the hyperlink below.

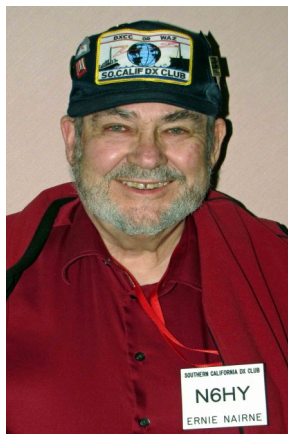


Officer Guidelines

http://www.scdxc.org/download/Officer_Guidelines.pdf

DX Code of Conduct

<http://www.dx-code.org/>



VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**Ernie Nairne, N6HY,
Vice President – SCDXC
n6hy@scdxc.org**

Hello Fellow DXers!

I hope everyone liked David's (AG6E) talk. The U.S. needs an ice-breaker like the Russian one. Thank you Dave for a job well done.

Get ready for the picnic! This year it is on a Sunday. You won't have to worry about the Saturday traffic. We are doing something new this year. We are bringing in cooks from one of the culinary schools. Larry and I will get a break from cooking. We will just be sitting back and having a good time. It's about time!

We have a nice station for the prize this year, an Icom IC-7200 with an Alinco DM330mvt power supply and an LDF IT-100 turner! Be sure to buy a square or two for the drawing

See you at the picnic!

73, de N6HY Vice President SCDXC

DXer of The Year

**Congratulations
Bob W6ZPL!**

Clipperton Award

**Congratulations
Kris KC6TOD!**

New Members

**Please welcome new
members:**

**Clay Davis
AB9A**

**Bruce Edgar
AB6BJ**

**Dan Warren
W6DAW**

**Stephen Rapata
AC6DX**

**Ron Resnick
W2DXX**

**Paul Gussow
W6GMU**

**Peter Arninge
SM5GMZ**

**Vivian Wentworth
Kiston
W6NWF**

**Robert Kiston
KI6SBL**

***Make sure you
meet and greet
them at the next
meeting!***



New DXer Resources

New DXers Handbook



CONTESTS

**John Schroeder, N6QQ,
Director – Southern California DX Club
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Hello DX Contesters!

There are three contests to look into for June:

ARRL June VHF Contest -- June 9 - 11

Last year, I worked 31 states and 4 countries. This year I am looking for better conditions.

All Asia Contest, CW June 16-17 - More than just JA's.

ARRL Field Day - June 23-24. Have you pick out which club you are to work with this year ??

Why should you join ClubLog ??

Its Free for one thing. The information that you can find on ClubLog is very useful. One area I like, when you upload you log, you will get back an email showing you what could be mistakes in your log. I have uploaded some of my logs, around 110,000 Q's so far. Found DX4Win had made several mistakes on the countries I had worked.

If you join, don't forget to check which club you belong to. In our case, the SCDXC. We have around 20 members who have joined so far.

Try this web site: www.clublog.org/logsearch/N6QQ -- Type in your call and see if you are in my log.

Where to look for contest rules:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>.

Where to look for DX operations that might be on during March:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

Looking for something to read: Check out this site for copies of 73 magazine:

<http://www.archive.org/details/73-magazine>

See you in the pile-ups!

73 John N6QQ

Past President: Southern California DX Club- 2011: www.scdxc.org

International DX Convention: www.dxconvention.org

<http://www.grz.com/db/N6QQ>

(Thanks John for continuing to contribute the latest in DX Contests to the newsletter! - editor)

RUMORS ON THE BAND

A plethora of announcements, rumors, and serious DX fun

Boy did we have a great surprise last month! Both Somalia (6O) & Yemen (7O) DXpeditions were going on at the same time! Sadly the announced November Dxpediton to Somalia by the Intrepid DX Group has been cancelled. This is unfortunate because I am sure the demand for Somalia has not been satisfied. In any event we are still enjoying great DX!

There are some pretty good DX operations going on this month: [Myanmar](#), [Bhutan](#), [Somalia](#), [Nepal](#), [Dodecanese](#), plus more! Keep an ear out! You never know what large scale Dxpediton will show up on the bands!

If you look at the sidebar you will see that a new website has been added. DX Coffee is a web newspaper with articles dedicated to the latest DX information and DXpeditions. Check it out.

This Space Reserved for Your Article

I am sorry but a family tragedy delayed the publication of the newsletter and the time spent digging up a DX related article for this section was lost.

If you are interested in making future contributions to the newsletter let me know!

Useful DX Sites

The Daily DX

www.dailydx.com/

Announced DX Ops

www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html

DX Coffee

<http://www.dxcffee.com/eng/>

DXing.info

www.dxing.info/dxpeditons/

DX 425 News

www.425dxn.org/dxped/

Dx-info.de

www.dx-info.de

DX Italia DX News

www.marioi2mqp.it

DH9SB Weekly DX Calendar

<http://www.dx-info.de>

N0HR DXpedition Map

www.n0hr.com/wk34/

The DX Zone

www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX_Resources/

Blue Information indicate particularly rare entities and **Red information** indicate SCDXC member attended DXpedition. As always you have to turn on your radio to work them.

Call	QTH	Start Date	End Date	Information	Website
6O3A	Somalia	5/25/2012	5/30/2012	E70A, 160 - 6m, CW, SSB, RTTY	-
SV5/OK2BOB	Dodecanese	Now	6/1/2012	60-6m; mainly CW, some SSB	-
A5A	Bhutan	Now	6/6/2012	JH1AJT JJ1LIB ZL1GO VR2KF KL2A, 80-6m, SSB CW RTTY	http://bhutan2012.com/
5X	Uganda	Now	6/10/2012	F5IRO, HF, CW, PSK	http://i28ro.blogspot.com/
4JSONG	Azerbaijan	Now	6/15/2012	Also 4KSONG	-
A52SV	Bhutan	Now	9/1/2013	JA2PSV, 15-10m	-
ZQ3M	Gibraltar	Now	6/10/2012	Diamond Jubilee for Queen	-
TX5VT	Marquessas	6/3/2012	6/11/2012	F5IDM 20m, SSB SSTV WSPR	-
A52JY	Bhutan	6/6/2012	6/14/2012	JA1JQY(A52JY), JK1EBA(A52BA), JA3MCA (A52MA), JA1KJW(A52KJ), 160-6m	-

DX ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Celebrate the Successes of Our Fellow Members!

This month a three members reported in their up-dates. Where are yours?

The following contributed:

<u>Call</u>	<u>DXCC</u>	<u>WAZ</u>
WA5VGI	348 / 341	357 / 200
N6AWD	348 / 338	
WB6PJC	74 / 74	

SCDXC WAZ and DXCC Standings (N6RV)

The first WAZ column is the confirmed zone count on 10 bands 160 - 6 (less 60 meters). The second column is the regular 5BWAZ confirmed count. The following are the codes that follow the two columns and indicate the awards:

M	Mixed
P	Phone
C	CW
R	RTTY
5	5 Band

The first DXCC column is the confirmed entity count with deleted countries. The second column is the confirmed current entity count.

If you have any information to post please go to the on-line webform and update your standing:

<http://www.scdxc.org/dx-update.html>

WAZ STANDINGS

	<u>10B / 5B</u>	<u>Awards</u>
K6ND	378 / 200	M/5
W6SR	369 / 200	M/P/C//5
WA5VGI	357 / 200	M/P/C/5
W8DX	357 / 200	M/5
EU7SA	357 / 200	M/5
N6AW	355 / 200	M/P/C/5
K6YRA	337 / 200	P/5
K6YUI	337 / 200	M/P/C/R/5
WD6L	248 / 200	M/P/5
N6OU	220 / 200	M/5
K6UNR	/ 200	M/P/5
W6VX	352 / 199	
NS6C	198 / 198	
K6FG	359 / 197	M/P/C/R/5
K6G XO	355 / 196	M
N6MXU	155 / 193	
K2PLF	191 / 191	
KC6X	294 / 187	M/P/C/5
SM5GMZ	300 / 187	M/P/C
K6LD	314 / 186	M/P/C
W6YOO	308 / 185	M/P/C/5
N6QQ	324 / 185	M/P/C/R
N6RV	298 / 184	M/P/C
KH6DX/m	210 / 184	
K6SY	246 / 173	P
W6ZPL	237 / 173	M/P
KJ6Y	261 / 172	
KR6C	295 / 171	M/C
K0OK	280 / 169	
AD6KQ	226 / 164	
N6DHZ	214 / 160	P
K6KII	191 / 177	M
KH6MB	181 / 174	
W6DR	227 / 159	
NK6A	152 / 152	M/5
W6NRQ	180 / 147	M/P
WA6BOB	152 / 136	M
W6IRD	151 / 111	M/P
W5DQ	161 / 122	
K6IRD	154 / 126	M/P
WB6PSY	139 / 140	P
KT6LA	132 / 103	
N6HE	130 / 138	
W3SE	102 / 112	
K6IRA	118 / 102	
K6VC	96 / 96	P
W6EA	92 / 86	
N6UC	78 / 78	M
KA6TTV	82 / 67	
N6VNI	86 / 64	
N6GIL	49 / 43	
W6DCK	40 / 40	P
K6JW	40 / 40	M/P
K6YR	39 / 39	
W6DOE	37 / 37	
NZ6L	36 / 36	
W4EF	29 /	
N6AWD		M
N6HC		M/P/C
KB6KTV		P
W6OES		M
K8RD		C

DXCC STANDINGS

	<u>TOT / CUR</u>
K6KII	387 / 341
JA1BK	377 / 338
K6YRA	376 / 341
K6EXO	370 / 338
K6YUI	365 / 341
N6UC	367 / 340
K6DJ	363 / 341
NS6C	360 / 341
K6IPV	359 / 338
W6HT	358 / 338
W6SR	358 / 341
WA6WZO	357 / 341
K8RD	356 / 341
K5KT	355 / 341
N6AW	355 / 337
K6FG	355 / 341
K6G XO	355 / 341
K2PLF	354 / 341
N6RV	354 / 339
W8DY	353 / 341
W6IRD	352 / 336
W6OES	351 / 334
WEAUG	350 / 341
W6YOO	349 / 341
KC6X	349 / 340
W6KK	348 / 341
W6VX	348 / 341
WA5VGI	348 / 341
N6AWD	348 / 338
WB6PSY	348 / 337
N6QQ	348 / 333
K6ND	347 / 341
W6OM	347 / 337
W6ENZ	346 / 338
N6HC	345 / 338
K6LD	344 / 338
EU7SA	343 / 336
W6DCK	342 / 336
KR6C	341 / 339
KB6KTV	340 / 335
N6MG	339 / 331
N6OU	334 / 329
N6HY	333 / 329
AD6KQ	328 / 328
K6UNR	333 / 332
SM5GMZ	333 / 329
KM6HB	332 / 327
KJ6Y	327 / 323
K2IXQ	324 / 325
W6ZPL	317 / 317
K6SY	312 / 310
N6MXU	301 / 297
K0OK	300 / 298
W6HB	297 / 291
WD6L	295 / 295
N6DHZ	288 / 284
K6IRA	286 / 286
W6NRQ	285 / 281
W6DR	282 / 278
K6JW	277 / 273
N7CQQ	268 / 266
K6GEP	267 / 262
K6DJ	261 / 259
N6WIN	258 / 253
NK6A	255 / 255
K6YR	244 / 244
W3SE	240 / 237
K6HCJ	235 / 235
K6IRD	235 / 235
KT6LA	229 / 227
K6GEP	229 / 226
K6VC	227 / 227
W5DQ	225 / 220
N6VNI	223 / 223
ZL3TE	222 / 220
KN6VF	206 / 205
WA6BOB	202 / 198
N6RI	189 / 180
W6DOE	183 / 181
W6WVW	181 / 180
N6HE	178 / 171
K6LX	175 / 175
W6EA	152 / 152
KA6TTV	149 / 149
K6OGO	142 / 142
W4EF	132 / 132
WA6NOL	127 / 126
WB6PJC	74 / 74
NZ6L	27 / 27

LETTERS FROM YEMEN



We received two interesting emails from Socotra Island in Yemen during the Dxpedition. It is a perspective changer on the country. It seems Socotra is a fairly stable place nevertheless a few bad apples can still spoil the bunch. Read all of their story on the website:

<http://www.yemen2012.com/>

Hello from Socotra, Yemen. This is an amazing place and I am delighted to be here. The Yemeni's are extremely warm and friendly people, even in the large city of Sana, where I will return on the 9th. I will travel back to Istanbul on the 11th and then home.



Everywhere we go, the people of Yemen welcome us and ask where we are from. They are very curious about our activity and very eager to have tourists. All of the children chase after us shouting "hello America hello!". Everyone wants to shake our hand and practice their English. My Arabic is improving too!

No one makes any demands from us or asks for anything. You can walk the streets alone here anytime of the day or night. The evening market or Souk is a collage of sights, smells and sounds. You can buy exotic spices and teas and the most delicious dates and dried fruits. As we stroll the streets, the shop keepers beacon us to come in and have a coke or some tea. They don't expect payment and often reject payment. We have been invited in to several Mosques. We take off our shoes and enjoy the tour. On day a group of us had an impromptu nap on the floor of the mosque.

The climate here is harsh and the scenery is of a unique beauty. The ocean is azure and warm as bath water. We try to avoid the mid-day temperatures as they approach 120 degrees!

The DXpedition is going very well. We are delighted to receive DXCC approval today. The pile ups are still huge. Last night I enjoyed an incredible opening on 17 meters SSB. It was great to hear from all of you!

Many of you have asked about our CW speeds. All I can tell you is that most of our CW guys are elite Russian testers, very proud of their CW speed. If you catch K3LP, WD5COV or JT1CO, they will adjust for your speed.

Good luck in the pile ups and 73!

Paul N6PSE

7O6T – Socotra Island DXpedition

April 30 thru May 15, 2012

By Dmitry (RA9USU; Leader), Igor (RA3AUU; Co-Leader) and David (K3LP; Co- Leader)

Dated: May 16, 2012

It gives us great pleasure to bring the 7O6T – Socotra Island DXpedition to a successful finish on May 15, 2012, at 2100 GMT. As we finalize the checking of our Club Log QSO data, we celebrate with each of you in achieving the 162,029 QSO's logged. Each of our team members achieved many individual and team successes. This included working outside their normal operating comfort zone and working day after day using 8 to 12 hour work shifts with only getting 4 hours of sleep then hitting the stations operating again. They did not complain as they forged forward in a manner we've never seen. For this, we are extremely proud of their efforts.

As part of the informal operating agreement, we were limited to six radios and ten operators total. Remember, this means five operators available during anyone shift with six operators operating during peak performance periods. When you break these five operators into CW, SSB, RTTY & 160/80 Meter, you can run out of enough people quickly just because all bands and modes are open at the same time. We had three camp locations in order to reduce interference; CW Camp (Summerland Hotel), SSB Camp (Taj Socotra Hotel) and 160/80 Meter Camp at a remote beach location. Each of these locations remained on gas or diesel power generators throughout their operation. We would lose power at least once or twice each day at the Taj Socotra Hotel location for 1 to 3 hours each time. We acquired a gas powered generator for use at the 160/80 Meter Camp.

Though in any major DXpeditions such as this, there are issues that get identified and warrant re-direction, re-planning and even a few changes in operating philosophy. Prior to, during and after closing our operating positions, the team had many review meetings to improve our team's performance. The DX Community at large provided valuable information that helped us to succeed. Thank you for your emails and comments regarding adjustments to frequencies, band openings, best use of operators, mode use, and logging errors. This input made us stronger and will be applied as we move forward on future planned DXpeditions.

As early as February 2010, the planning for this trip began. Initially, one may not believe that such an event would be even possible. This trip came about as a result of focusing on being a good person and building meaningful relationships in the Republic of Yemen. After numerous Dmitry trips and flights from Moscow to Sana'a, then from Sana'a to Socotra Island, it became evident that a future DXpedition to the Republic of Yemen might be possible. Just like in business, even a 99% possible business deal sometimes doesn't close. For this reason, events occurring prior to Dmitry's formal announcement were never released or discussed except with the two Co-Leaders, Igor (RA3AUU) and David (K3LP).

Dmitry (RA9USU) and David (K3LP) had various conversations along the way leading up to this event regarding the Operating Plan and Logistics. Our plan was to have the DXpedition occur the first week of June 2012 when we both had cleared our work schedules and when all the radios, amps, antennas, and supplies would be shipped in advance. After Dmitry landed on Socotra Island on April 12, it became apparent that our plan was coming to fruition faster than expected.

Dmitry made a couple of round trips to and from Socotra Island and Sana'a resulting in several formal approvals being given. At this point, we were faced with a choice on either to have Dmitry operate as a single operator or try to invest as much energy as possible in brief moment to organize a team and have them fly two days later to Socotra Island. We elected to proceed with a bigger team and try our best to make the event significant!

Dmitry (RA9USU – Team Leader) and Igor (RA3AUU) had contacted David (K3LP) just as he arrived in California at the Visalia DX-Convention on April 18-19, 2012, that our trip was a go and needed to be started on April 30 and ended on May 15, 2012. This forced us to abandon our prior Operations Plan and quickly devise a quick and dirty approach before the opportunity disappeared. This meant assembling an operating team that could go immediately, applying for VISAs, having each team member pack their applicable radios, amps, computers, antennas, filters, keyer, headset, coax, etc., immediately purchase their airline tickets and get ready to depart on April 26, 2012 arriving in Socotra Island on April 28, 2012.

This also meant that we were not in a position to discuss or request donations from organizations, clubs or individuals in fear of having the DXpedition cancelled. As you can imagine, this was an expensive trip that lasted from April 12 (i.e. included on site planning) through May 16, 2012. In order not to draw any attention to our activities, we used only one large movement of equipment into the country and prevented our second arriving team members to bring anything. In addition, no informal or formal announcement was made until April 30, 2012 as we activated our 7O6T website (www.yemen2012.com) and communicated our intentions via the internet and emails.

After getting limited team member contributions requested beyond their personal hotel, food and airline tickets (about \$2,800.00), we are still in the hole about \$25,000.00, so your individual contributions are greatly really needed. A complete 7O6T Finance spreadsheet was put together detailing all income and expenses for this trip and will be shared with NCDXF upon our return in hopes of getting their support.

You can submit your QSL Card request direct or via the bureau. Each will be responded too in a timely manner. In saying this, it takes a lot more time to process the manual requests. In order to provide an expedited QSL service, here are a few adjustments that we are making to our website (www.yemen2012.com):

- ◆ Adding PayPal payment for electronic QSL Card confirmations. No need to send QSL cards, once you “valid date and time” of your QSO's on line and make a payment, these cards will be sent out first.
- ◆ Adding key space for major sponsors to the website

We want to thank the DX Community for their hard work, patience and willingness in making this DXpedition a major success. We are all on our way home at this time

A5A BHUTAN

May 12, 2012 Announcing a DXpedition to A5, Bhutan #17 Most Wanted in North America

The FGC DX Group (*Foundation for Global Children) is pleased to announce our next multi-national DXpedition to Bhutan, callsign A5A. We will begin operations by May 24, 2012 and will run until June 6th. We will activate 80-6m including the WARC bands using modes: SSB, CW, and RTTY. We will erect high gain antennas, utilize receive antennas, and run amplifiers at 3 stations.

The team is expected to consist of: JH1AJT, JJ1LIB, JA4EKO, JH1OGX and KL2A.

The QTH is in the mountains near the QTH of the famous DXpedition in 2000 by A52A team. We are well aware of where Bhutan is needed most and will focus on these areas when the band is open there. Also, we intend to listen carefully to the needs (please take our survey) of the DX community during the operation by monitoring the activity on our website <http://bhutan2012.com/news.php#.T7NfR1Lhe7I> and other social media outlets for band openings, and dialogue with the radio community. Please join our conversation and we look forward to working you.

Note: Some members of our team are conducting a field survey for improving the educational and medical environment in Bhutan. Accompanying them are professors and doctors among other relevant officials and specialists to conduct various projects within Bhutan.

One such project is the installment of a radio station at the Royal Thimpu College (first private college in Bhutan), and to provide ham radio lessons to RTC students! We hope to have stories from all aspects of our journey, please stay tuned for those.

We will follow up with further announcements such as our operating frequencies, updated news, operator introductions, and other developments as we move closer to our starting date.

Finally, we look forward to talking with each of you on the bands very soon.
Please inform your friends by sharing this information. Thank you.

73 from Jon, KL2A
Team Member A5A

UPDATE

First, thank you to everyone for being patient and quick in the pile ups. The high bands have been open long hours into the night and the low bands are not producing well yet. We have installed 3 yagi's now #1: 40, 20, 15, 10m; #2 30, 17, 12m; and #3 a 6el 6m. 18 MHz is really the king band at the moment and does not seem to stop, including FB openings to NA/SA for hours too. The internet has been a problem with Wi-Fi on the college campus shared by 1000 students! Today we have installed a special connection with CAT5 direct, we hope this helps stability. That said, going forward we hope to upload to ClubLog soon and continue to update you on our progress. Please see our Links page for more ways to track us. (Note: Twitter is real-time) Thank you!

73 A5A Team Bhutan2012.com

St. Paul Dxpedition Press Release

Time is flying!

Two months today the CY9M team will be making their way to Sydney, Nova Scotia, then onwards to the northernmost tip of Cape Breton, ready to depart for St Paul island on July 26th.

Much has happened since the first press release in February. Those who keep an eye on the CY9M website will note major organizations such as Northern California DX Foundation and ARRL Colvin Award have agreed to financially back our plans. Together, with all other kind donors and clubs, we thank them sincerely.

The team make special mention to AI VE1AL for his local logistical help. His ongoing assistance is much appreciated. Meanwhile, the last few weeks has seen a host of sponsors commit to the expedition.

Elecraft, main equipment sponsor of our expedition, are providing six K3 transceivers. We are indebted to Elecraft for their support. DX Engineering, Tigertronics, Waters & Stanton, Heil Sound, Spiderbeam , RF Power and Vibroplex have shown faith in our activation by generously supporting too.

G3TXQ Broadband Hexbeam by MW0JZE is providing the team with three antennas. Using both Hexbeams and vertical arrays, we hope to be heard from the island! M2 Antenna Systems are also contributing with a 50Mhz yagi/beam - we know how wanted St Paul island is on 6m and cross fingers for good openings.

As mentioned previously, there are few landing spots on the island. Actual station location will be determined where we land. From planning discussions, we know each proposed location has positives and negatives to certain regions around the globe - therefore this is very much an "on the day" set-up at any given landing spot.

Now the shipping process begins. If you would like to donate any amount to the CY9M St Paul Island Dxpedition, please click here: <http://www.cy9m.com/donor/>.

Feel free to follow us on Twitter and Facebook - nearer the time of departure (and afterwards) various team members will update as we journey.

Thanks for taking the time to read and share - we look forward to working you from DXCC Most Wanted entity #40.

73,

CY9M Team, St Paul Island DXpedition.
www.cy9m.com

DXpedition Matching Fund Donations

We have had a large influx of DXpeditions to entities in the top 25 needed on the West Coast. The board has voted to put out the can for three of the four. Two will be available at the picnic and the third will be at the July meeting. Please consider giving to these operations. It serves to get our name out in the community and supports the efforts of those willing to brave the elements and operate from some pretty unusual places. Bring your shekels!

June Matching Donations:

7O6T Yemen <http://www.yemen2012.com/>

A5A Bhutan <http://bhutan2012.com/>

July Matching Donations:

NH8S Swains Island <http://nh8s.org/>

How About a Meal Before the Meeting?

At the last board meeting it was suggested that we should try catering a meal at the WEMS lunch room before the regular meeting. Mel brought in some delicious Armenian wraps from the shop across the street. They can cater the meal! Please give this your consideration. We will bring it up again at the July meeting and take a head count of those willing to participate for the August meeting. If you are not able to attend the July meeting and are interested in joining in on the meal please let a board member know. The cost per person will be announced at the July meeting.

N6VR House for Sale

I have been retired and living in AZ for the last three years. It is now time to sell my home in Ojai Valley, Ventura County. Its on .7 acres with, nearly 50 fruit trees. We did a lot of upgrades on the house itself over time. We lived in this home for nearly 30 years and enjoyed it very much.

Still on the property is my Tristao TWS-471 very Heavy Duty 71 ft free standing motorized tower. Currently the tower has on it a KLM 4el 40m yagi at the top of the tower and 10 ft above it is a Hygain 204BA, 4el 20m yagi. A modified prop-pitch antenna turns it all. There is also an 80m inverted 'V' on the side of the tower.

The home is being listed with Coldwell Bankers, with the tower not going with the house. But, if a ham were interested, we could probably make a deal to include the tower, prop-pitch, 20ft chrome molly mast and antennas. Otherwise, when it sells, the tower and all will probably be up for sale.

If you have any questions about the home, please ask. If you know of other persons that might to interested, please pass this email along.

73, Ray, N6VR
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SPURIOUS OUTPUTS

Comments, Announcements, and Interesting Tidbits Submitted by Members

Birthdays

Here are the June birthdays!

AA6DP	Dan	KR6Q	Tom	AI6Z	Dick
AC6DX	Steve	K6SMF	Neil	W6ZZ	George
N6IC	Don	N6XT	Ron		

Many happy returns and may you have many more!

Video: Secrets of the Sun (W6HB)

Doug found this link to a great Nova video on the Sun.

<http://video.pbs.org/video/22264747161>

Asia Pacific DX Convention 2012

You are cordially invited to attend the Asia Pacific DX Convention 2012, which will take place November 2-4, 2012.

In addition to the usual presentations on recent DXpeditions, technical sessions, DX dinners and so forth, the 2012 Convention offers something special. Japan is where most of the amateur radio equipment is developed, and you will have the opportunity to join a tour to the Icom factory, participate in a technical session led by the Icom HF radio design team, and more.

And don't forget, all of the programs at APDXC are conducted in English!

For the non-ham members of your party, activities providing a chance to experience Japanese culture--such as tea ceremony and flower arranging-- are being prepared.

We appreciate your introducing this convention to your DX/contest club members. For more details, please visit the APDXC website at: <http://www.apdxc.org/>

For convention updates, check our website often, or send an email to subscribe to the APDXC newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming you at the APDXC in Osaka, Japan.

73

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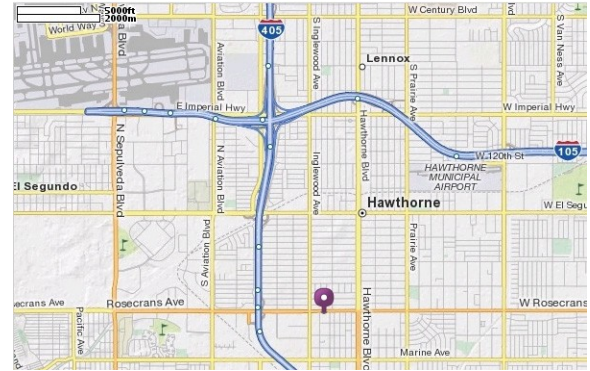
SCDXC Meeting Location

SCDXC Meets at WEMS Inc. on Rosecrans in Hawthorne. It is very close to the 405 Freeway however the entrance can be missed. The major landmark is the tower with the SteppIR antenna on top.

The driving directions to WEMS, Inc are as follows:

The address is: [4650 West Rosecrans Avenue, Hawthorne, CA. \(South side of street\)](#)

1. Coming South on the I-405 take the second Rosecrans (Rosecrans East) off ramp. At the bottom of the off ramp turn right and proceed to the next traffic light and turn right again on to Rosecrans Avenue. Go under the freeway and proceed East on Rosecrans past Inglewood Avenue. Go 1-1/2 blocks past Inglewood Avenue and make a right turn into the driveway between a one story building and a two story building with a tower and SteppIR antenna. Drive past the gate and park in any open parking space. We will be meeting in the one story building you just drove past. If you get to traffic light East of Inglewood avenue turn around and go back. Look for the antenna.
2. Coming North on the I-405 take the first Rosecrans off ramp (Rosecrans East) and turn right at the bottom of the off ramp onto Rosecrans Avenue. Go 1-1/2 blocks past Inglewood Avenue and make a right turn into the driveway between a one story building and a two story building with a tower and SteppIR antenna. Drive past the gate and park in any open parking space. We will be meeting in the one story building you just drove past. If you get to traffic light East of Inglewood avenue turn around and go back. Look for the antenna
3. Coming West on CA-91 merge on to I-110 South and then North onto the I-405. Once you are Northbound on the I-405 follow the directions in #2 above.
4. Coming West on the I-105 Exit the Hawthorne Blvd. off ramp. At the end of the very long off ramp turn left onto Hawthorne Blvd and proceed South to Rosecrans Avenue. Turn right on Rosecrans Avenue and proceed West. Just past the first traffic light after your turn onto Rosecrans move into the 2-way left turn lane and turn in the driveway between the two story building with tower/antenna and the one story building. As you drive down Rosecrans you should be able to see the tower on the two story building. Drive past the gate and park in any open parking space. We will be meeting in the one story building you just drove past.
5. If you live in the South Bay or Palos Verdes you are on your own.
6. If you would like to try Metro Light Rail, see Mel Hughes for information. WEMS is an easy walk from a Metro Green Line Station, or we can arrange a ride from the station to WEMS.



Pre-Club Meeting Dinner

Club members and visitors often meet before the meeting and enjoy a meal. Lately many of us have been going to #1 Buffet at 14418 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale, CA 90260, (310) 644-4007. The restaurant is just South and East of WEMS. Another group meets at the Denny's on the corner of Inglewood Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue. This is stones throw West of WEMS. For those interested in fine dining some of the best restaurants in the South Bay are located on Rosecrans just West between the 405 and Sepulveda (PCH). The Manhattan Beach area is a target rich food environment!



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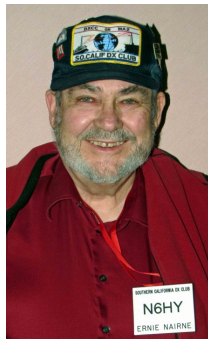
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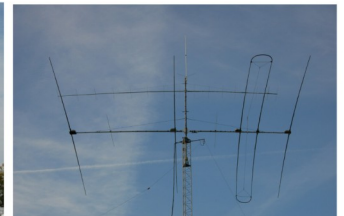
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